

Amendment No. 1 to HB0995

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 1171

House Bill No. 995*

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1311(b)(1), is amended by deleting subdivision (H) and by substituting instead the following:

(H) Persons possessing a handgun, who are authorized to carry the handgun pursuant to § 39-17-1351, while within or on a public park, natural area, historic park, nature trail, campground, forest, greenway, waterway, or other similar public place, including any buildings located within or on those areas, that is owned or operated by the state, a county, a municipality, or instrumentality thereof;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1311, is amended by deleting subsections (c), (d), and (e) in their entirety.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-17-1309, is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection:

(f)

(1) A person commits an offense who intentionally carries an explosive, explosive weapon, permanently disabled firearm, hoax device, imitation firearm, machete, or sword openly within one hundred fifty feet (150') of the real property that comprises the grounds or facilities of a public or private preschool, elementary school, middle school, or secondary school.

(2) This subsection does not apply to any person:

(A) Identified under subsection (e); or

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(B) Carrying or possessing a machete and employed in a profession where a machete is customarily utilized.

(3) A violation of this subsection (f) is a Class A misdemeanor.

SECTION 4. No department of state government shall change, remove, or replace signs as a result of Sections 1 or 2 of this act prior to the time the signs are regularly scheduled to be changed, replaced, or removed or are required to be changed, replaced, or removed by any other law or due to destruction or theft; provided, that the general assembly may specifically provide funds for the purpose of removing or replacing signs in a general appropriations act.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.